training of such officers self-sufficient within the country; and

(d) what is the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on each of the trainees proposed to be sent abroad for training?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) As has been the practice for more than 30 years, the Government proposes to send IAS Officers and Officers from other services to various countries for training.

Training facilities within the country have yet to reach capacities and develop facilities needed to train a large number of officers on long-term programmes. Foreign Training Programmes also have the advantage of informing trainee officers of administrative approaches and responses in more economically advanced democratic systems.

In-service training of Indian Administrative Service Officers has been a regular part of their service and every officer necessarily undergoes some training or the other every year. Training Institutions both at the national level and state level have been strengthened to cope with the increased training needs of such officers.

The Indian Administrative Service Officers going on various foreign training programmes abroad are paid their full salary while on training and that is the only expenditure borne by the Government. All other expenses are borne by the funding agencies.

Setting up of High Court bench in Dharwar

*136. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to establish a bench of Karnataka High Court in Dharwar; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The Chief Minister of Karnataka has requested the Central Government for the establishment of a bench at Hubli-Dharwar.

Pollution in Indian Ocean

*137. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 22nd June, 1988 under the caption "Oil slicks polluting Indian Ocean";

(b) if so, whether the oil slicks from tanker ships are polluting the Indian Ocean and threatening the marine life on the surface; and

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard and further steps Government propose to take to keep the Indian Ocean free from pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Oil pollution from slicks and other petroleum products is a well known phenomenon along the oil tanker routes in the Indian Ocean. However, there is no direct evidence avail-